GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF COAL BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production of different varieties of coal during the last three years by the Coal India Ltd, year-wise alongwith the revised targets;

(b) the initiatives taken and achievements made so far by Coal India Ltd (CIL) in modernization of its operations to get higher production and acquisition of coal mines in foreign countries;

(c) whether the Government proposes to empower CIL to enter into joint ventures with private and public sector power generation entities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : Year-wise production of Coking and Non-coking coal during the last three years by the Coal India Limited (CIL) alongwith the revised targets (RE) are given below:

(Fig. m Million Tonne)

Variety	2006-07		2005-06		2004-05	
	Target (RE)	Actual	Target (RE)	Actual	Target(RE)	Actual
Coking	18.39	24.27	19.83	24.16	18.50	22.82
Non-coking	345.41	336.64	325.98	319.23	304.68	300.76
Total	363.80	360.91	345.81	343.39	323.18	323.58

(b) : With a view to modernize/mechanize its mines as also to acquire coal mines in foreign countries, Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiary companies have initiated a series of measures including:-

i) Gradual mechanization by introducing the Site Discharge Loaders (SDLs) Load Haul Dumpers (LHDs), Belt conveyors. Roof Bolting machines etc. in many underground mines in CIL where geo-mining conditions permit.

ii) Use of Continuous Miner Technology and Powered Support Longwall technology in some mines of CIL for obtaining higher production and productivity where geo-mining conditions permit,

iii) Identification of nine mines for development of high capacity underground mines.

iv) Further steps to develop these mines have been initiated,

v) Plans to introduce higher capacity equipments namely Heavy Earth Moving Machines (HEMM) in its large opencast projects,

vi) Incorporation of in-pit crushing conveying and surface miner technologies in some opencast mines of CIL.

vii) Participation of CIL in a Joint Venture company with Steel Authority of India Limited,Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., National Mineral Development Corporation and National Thermal Power Corporation with a view to have access to coal properties abroad.

(c) & (d) : CIL and five of its seven coal producing subsidiary companies have been given the status of Mini Ratna Category -I Company.As per the instructions of Department of Public Enterprises Mini Ratna Companies have been delegated powers to setup Joint Venture Company within certain financial limits. If any proposal is beyond those delegated powers they can seek Government approval.